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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Sindhi and Murrah kinds of cattle are able to acclimatise themselves to the conditions in the South? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Hon. Members will remember what I stated some time ago in this House in this connexion, namely, that our Sindhi breed is the best in the whole of India."

Elementary Education Committee

* 1145 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Elementary Education Committee appointed by the Government has submitted its report?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Investments of religious institutions

* 1146 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any orders have been issued to any of the co-operative urban banks in the State, particularly in the South Malabar district, asking them not to accept fixed deposits from the Executive Officers or trustees of temples and devaswoms under the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments; and

(*b*) if so, the nature and the necessity for such orders?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has instructed all his Deputy Registrars to see that the investments of religious institutions up to Rs. 1,000 are made in the current deposits of such of the Co-operative Urban Banks as maintain fluid resources and that investments in fixed deposits are made in the Co-operative Central Banks.

" (*b*) The instructions issued by the Registrar are only administrative directives intended to conserve the resources available in a district for the Central Co-operative Bank in that area."

SRI K. KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether any instructions were issued to the officers of the Religious Endowment Department asking them not to deposit such amounts in the bank and may I know whether the department officials refused to implement such instruction and, therefore, the Department of Co-operation had to take up the matter and issue such instructions to the urban banks? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Many of the urban banks are having surplus deposits and the Central Bank in a district requires finance because it has to finance all the societies. They should raise substantial funds by way of deposits and it is for this purpose that this instruction has been given to the Deputy Registrars."

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Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it within the competence of the department to ask persons to deposit their money in particular banks against their own discretion? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" It is only an administrative directive."

P.C.C. Societies, Malabar

* 1147 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the amount so far collected by the Government ' as interest ' from Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies, Limited, Malabar, and the amount, if any, paid to such societies ' as interest ' on claims made on the Government?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The amount of interest collected from the Producers'*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar district is Rs. 21,94,550. No interest was paid to the societies by the Government on the claims of the societies, as it is not the practice to do so in Civil Supplies transactions."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Has not many of the societies preferred complaints to the Government that the so-called interest collected were not strictly in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Government? If so, may I know, whether the Government have looked into them? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, wherever complaints have been preferred, they have been examined and the Government have taken decisions and informed the societies also of their decisions. I may tell the hon. Member that interest is charged only for the monies not paid in advance as the cost of the grains and up to the period of three months only."

9-20 a.m. Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Many of the P.C.C. Societies in Malabar were compelled to take enormous stocks from the Government godowns without regard to the need of the societies. In view of this compulsory forcing of stocks on them will the Government see that interest is not collected on the amounts due to the Government? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know whether these societies were compelled to take the stocks. The Co-operative Societies are there for the purpose of taking over stocks and selling them to the people. Therefore, the question of remitting interest due for the moneys not paid for the last three months, does not arise."

Appointment of District Munsifs

* 1148 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any recruitment of District Munsifs recently; and